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Spread Holiday Cheer, Not the Flu

Stanislaus County – The Stanislaus County Health Services Agency is adding an additional low cost flu vaccination clinic to serve families before the holidays. This clinic will be held Thursday, December 18, 2008 from 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the Agency's Public Health Department located at 820 Scenic Drive in Modesto. Flu vaccinations will continue to be provided to the public during the hours of 8 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and on Fridays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Public Health location. No appointments are necessary.

Nasal flu vaccine and injected vaccine are available for those who are eligible. The recommended population for flu vaccine has been expanded this year to include all children 6 months through 18 years of age, adults over 55, people with chronic illnesses, healthcare providers, and anyone who cares for someone in these groups.

The vaccinations will be offered at a low cost of \$10 per child (6 months through 18 years) and \$20 per adult. Payment may be made in cash or check, and can be covered by Medicare or Medi-Cal. Private insurance such as Pacific Care Secure Horizons, Health Net Seniority Plus, and Kaiser Senior Advantage is not accepted.

This season's flu vaccine will offer protection against three strains: A/Brisban/59/2007 (H1N1)-like virus, A/Brisbane/10/2007 (H3N2)-like virus, and B/Florida/4/2006-like virus.

For more information the public should contact the Stanislaus County Health Services Agency Public Health Department at 558-8872 or visit the Health Services Agency website at www.hsahealth.org.

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